



Hunting and Trapping

Area is open to hunting under statewide regulations, and during the youth deer and turkey seasons. The following special regulations also apply.

- Only portable stands are allowed from Sept. 1 through Jan. 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on durable material with the full name and address, or Conservation Number, of the owner and be removed from the area by Feb. 1st. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Trapping allowed only with special use permit.
- Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken on an Archer's Hunting Permit. Only antlered deer may be taken during the youth, November, and muzzleloader portion of the firearms deer season with the following permits: Firearms Any-Deer Hunting Permits, and Youth Deer and Turkey Hunting Permits. Antlered deer must have at least four points on one side to be taken.

- Quail may be taken only by holders of the prescribed hunting permit and a valid area daily hunting tag, and hunters must check out immediately after the close of the hunting trip.

Nearby Conservation Areas

Franklin Island Conservation Area
Diana Bend Conservation Area
Moniteau Creek Conservation Area

For local information, contact:

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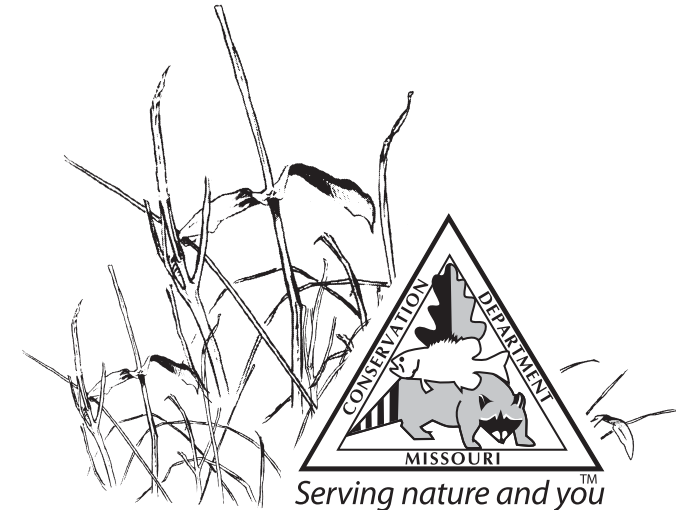
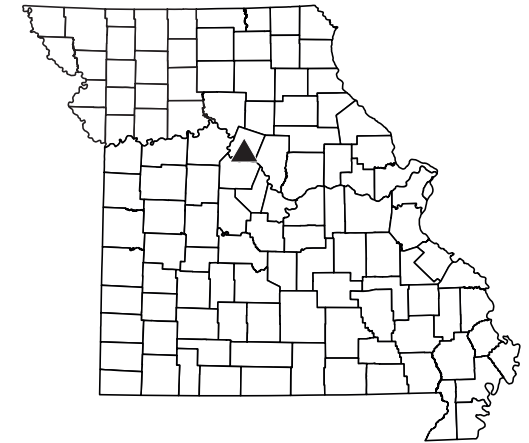
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Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas.

Davisdale

CONSERVATION AREA



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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp.) Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION



About this Area

From Columbia) Take I-70 west to Highway 40, continue west on 40 for 12 miles and watch for area sign.

Davisdale Conservation Area is in Howard County, 15 miles west of Columbia and seven miles east of Boonville on Highway 40. This 2,701-acre area features over 800 acres of riverhills timber and woodlands, which includes pecan and walnut, large tracts of warm- and cool-season grasses, interspersed with old fields, legumes and shrubs. A variety of crops are planted in rotation on about 300 acres of the area. Grain is left unharvested as winter food for wildlife. The area contains at least three Indian mounds. Davisdale features a series of scenic limestone bluffs carved by the Missouri River, which now flows 1.5 miles away. Before its purchase by the Conservation Department in 1981, Davisdale was one of the larger single-family holdings in Howard County. It was actually a collection of several small farms, with more than a dozen homes. Bricks for some of the structures

were cast from clay mined on the area. The early English settlers maintained livestock and planted wheat, oats and corn, as well as tobacco, in the deep loess soils. At one time, Howard County led the state in tobacco production. Soil conservation practices, including contour terraces, catch basins and limited tillage, instituted by the early settlers are still practiced today. Legumes and native grasses are planted to control erosion and replace less desirable grasses, such as tall fescue.

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Fishing – Hiking – Hunting
– Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing

Rules and Regulations

Open for public use from 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, dog training, launching and landing boats allowed 24 hours a day on areas these activities are permitted.

- Destroying, cutting, or removing vegetation is prohibited.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushroom may be taken only for personal consumption.
- Use of fireworks are prohibited.
- Bicycle use restricted to service or access roads.
- Camping is allowed anytime in designated camping areas. These may or may not have defined campsites. Seasonal closures and restrictions may apply. Trailers are restricted to gravel parking areas.
- For any activity with groups of 10 or more a special use permit is required.
- Horses and horseback riding prohibited.
- Target shooting not allowed.
- Vehicles are only permitted on public roadways and in parking lots.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing is permitted under statewide regulations. The following special regulations also apply.

- On lakes and ponds fish may be taken only with pole and line and not more than three (3) poles may be used by one person at any time.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited in lakes and ponds.
- On impounded waters, daily limits are six black bass, four catfish in the aggregate (channel, blue and flathead catfish) and 30 crappie. All other fish are not to exceed 20 in the aggregate.
- All black bass between 12 and 15 inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Taking of bullfrogs and green frogs allowed. Firearms may not be used to take bullfrogs and green frogs. Frogs may be taken by hand, hand-net, gig, longbow, snagging, snaring, grabbing or pole and line and only on waters open to fishing. An artificial light may be used.
- Electric motors and outboard motors are permitted on lakes of 70 acres or more in conjunction with waterfowl hunting. Boats may not be left unattended overnight.

